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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This response is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2011, which set a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is considered filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of EFS-Web Transmission on or before March 5, 2012. See 37 CFR §1.8. Since the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this Response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth at 1059 OG 9-20 respectfully is solicited. It is believed that this response does not occasion any additional fees or extensions of time, but should there be any need for such an extension of time please treat this paper as such and charge (or credit) any extension fees, or any additional fees that may be due herein, to Deposit Account No. 04-1121. Entry of the amendments to the claims herein is respectfully requested.

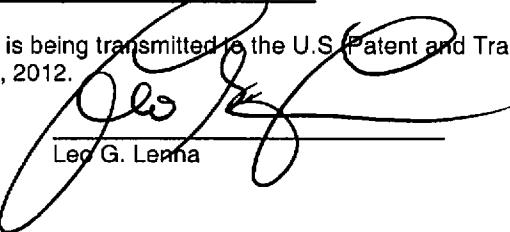
The amendment to the claims begins on page 2; and remarks begin on page 7.

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